

GOOD WATER FROM TREES.

Wells Which Wily Southern Woodsman Tap With an Auger.

In many sections of the forest lands of the south during the dry seasons a man may walk for miles without finding a stream of water or a spring by which to quench his thirst. If, however, he is an experienced hunter and woodsman, he will not have to drink water from the stagnant pools in order to keep life in his body.

Queer as it may seem, an experienced man can hunt for days through such dry tracts and yet experience no inconvenience on account of the lack of water. Nature has provided a means which is only known to the initiated. Every old huntsman carries with him when going on a long hunt a small auger, by which he can secure a refreshing drink and water to cook with at any moment.

A cottonwood tree or a willow is the well which the wily huntsman taps. He examines each tree until he finds one that has what a woodsman calls a "vein." It is simply an attenuated protuberance. By boring into this "vein" a stream of clear water will flow out. It is not sap, but clear, pure water. The huntsman says that the water is better than the average to be had from ordinary wells. There is no sweetish taste about it, but it has a strong flavor of sulphur and is slightly carbonated.

The reason for this phenomenon cannot easily be explained, but that a supply of water can be contained in a tree is not so surprising. The fact of its flowing is the wonderful feature, showing that it must be under pressure or, in other words, that there is more at the source of the supply. When it is considered that the trees furnish the water in the dry season and that the ground is literally baked, it is the more remarkable, especially when the roots of the trees do not extend to any great depth into the ground.—Memphis Scimitar.

NEW YORK'S EAST SIDE.

On Festive Occasions It Arrays Itself in Hired Finery.

The east side achieves gentility on great occasions, albeit somewhat unshaven and shipshod between whistles. From its own standpoint it does not spare expense. What it cannot buy it hires. The possibilities of renting the set pieces and habiliments of fashion have been thoroughly exploited east of the Bowery. There is none of that pride of exclusive possession that obtains along thoroughfares farther westward. The swarming population shares its joys and sorrows and garments with impartial hand. Many of the brides whose latest finery startles their old companions on the wedding night hire their gowns and veils.

The most gorgeous and costly creations are obtainable for \$5 an evening. The paraphernalia of mourning may be rented for a single occasion. Ball dresses warranted to captivate are for hire in Division street. Chowder parties are equipped throughout for a day on the sound.

There are dozens of establishments that dress a flourishing business in hiring dress suits for a consideration. A rigid social etiquette prescribes that the truck driver and small shopkeeper shall on such formal occasions as balls and receptions don the chavancher, and the downright east sider would rather be out of the world than out of fashion as he understands it. The young men who purchase second-hand the dress suits of business men whom they meet in Broadway and Wall street are the scents of these hiring establishments. Revving and pressed anew, a dress suit will earn its second cost in two or three evenings. The garb of the floor combs out a typical ball of a social club is evidence enough that the tailors of New York are a cosmopolitan group. New York Mail and Express.

Great Corn Town.

Wyandot, Ill., claims the banner for towns in its class when it comes to handling corn, the staple product of the Prairie State. On one day recently 15,000 bushels of corn were unloaded at one elevator from the farmers' wagons, there being at one time 201 trains waiting in line for their turn to unload. At the same time there were 6,100 bushels of shelled corn standing in wagons on the streets. During the last three weeks of harvest an average of 15 carloads of corn was shipped daily from Wyandot to Chicago and other markets.

THE CYNIC.

When a man is quarrelsome, some people are disposed to say that he has "character."

A man is seldom rich enough to afford luxuries before his stomach gets too worn out to digest them.

This is hard to understand, but true: The landlord who abuses his tenants loses the least rent.

Foodish things don't seem to be so bad when you are doing them as when the neighbors talk about them.

The warmed over meat that used to appear as hash now puts on airs with some sort of salad dressing poured over it, but it is old meat left over just the same.

If a woman has a toothache or some other trouble which prevents her from asking a guest at least ten times not to go "yet," the guest starts a story that the woman froze her.—Archibon Globe.

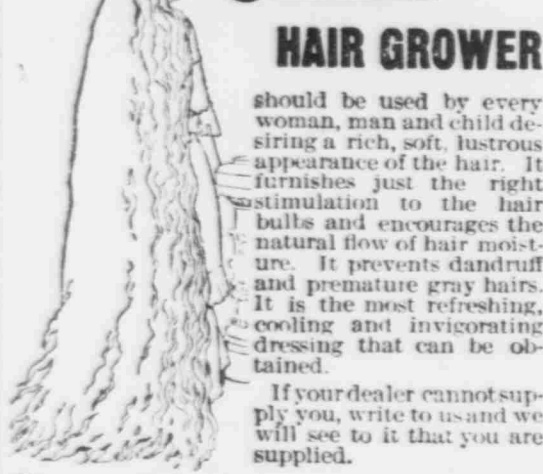
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CUTTLEFISH INK.

The Peculiar Liquid Which This Cereous Animal Ejects.

The cuttlefish are caught in great numbers off the Cornwall coast and are used as a bait for the eel, for which this part of the world is celebrated. The cuttlefish possesses a real mouth, but has a long, cylindrical sucker with which it adheres firmly to the bait. The method of capturing the fish is as follows: A log line from which are suspended from 200 to 300 hooks baited with portions of pilchard, almost the only bait the cuttlefish will take is let down into the sea and allowed to stop there for about half an hour. It is then drawn up, and the cuttlefish are found hanging by means of their suckers to the bait.

The moment that they leave the waters they eject with considerable force a great quantity of deep, black, viscous substance which is about the consistency of treacle, and the stain made by it upon the clothes of the fishermen is permanent if it happens to fall upon them.

I had a conversation with one man who has several times received a full charge in his face, and he assured me that beyond the smell, which is most nauseous, he felt no inconvenience at all, no smarting or pain in his eyes and no bad after effects.

If any of the liquid gets upon the nose, it rots them beyond repair unless it is washed off immediately. An other curious fact is that this fluid will not injure cloth in the slightest degree beyond making a permanent stain. One man told me that he had used a jersey for several years which had been spilt all over at different times by these cephalopods, but that except for the cloth being stained it was as good as ever.

When this "ink" is ejected under water, it hangs in a sort of cloud and does not spread.—London Leader.

THAT CHICAGO RIVER.

When the Chicago river fell into the new canal, it sounded like a lumber pile tumbling down.—Minneapolis Journal.

How it will irritate St. Louis when Chicago's foreign commerce begins to sail past her doors.—Philadelphia Ledger.

The opening of Chicago's drainage canal demonstrated that the water of the Chicago river would run.—Indianapolis News.

It will take Chicago a long time to get accustomed to the sight of the Chicago river with real water in it.—Rochester Democrat and Chronicle.

St. Louis has never established a record for refusing gifts, but she would rather Chicago would keep her river to herself.—Kansas City Times.

The Chicago river has been on fire several times. Why not drain it to St. Louis and use it temporarily for illuminating purposes?—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

The death rate in Chicago was larger last week than for some time. Statistics do not show how many died from sorrow in parting with their old friend the river.—Chicago Record.

Since the water in the Chicago river has begun to "flow up hill" into the drainage canal a marked purification of the stream has been noticed. It may be possible after awhile to eat Chicago drinking water without cooking it.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

JEWELRY JOTTINGS.

A plain gold bracelet in bamboo pattern is quite novel.

A cat's eye, very high and round topped, set between two diamonds that are sunk in an antique carved ring of dull gold, is effective for a man's use.

New single vest chains for men are very slender ones of gold metal or gold, in which brilliant to the number of three or four are set at regular distances apart.

A new long chain has the usual cabochons replaced by jade hearts of considerable size. Large cabochons of turquoise matrix are also very chic for these chains.

A unique among men's rings is one consisting of a plate of pave set brilliants, which is curved to fit close to the finger and in the center of which is set a ruby cut to a long, narrow, marquise form.

Jewelry fashions continue as elaborate as ever, and in wearing rings it is not unusual for flashing gems to form a continuous line of light and color across the back of the hand, as every finger may be allowed its quota of gems.—Jewelers' Circular.

"After doctors failed to cure me of pneumonia I used One Minute Cough Cure and three bottles of it cured me. It is also the best remedy on earth for whooping cough. It cures my grand-children of the worst cases," writes Jno. Berry, Logan, Pa. It is the only harmless remedy that gives immediate results. Cures coughs, colds, croup and throat and lung troubles. It prevents consumption. Children always like it. Mothers endorse it. Hargis' Pharmacy John Sheppard, S. Kahn.

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MEN OF MARK.

Congressman Champ Clark of Missouri says that he is writing a novel in which there will be no women.

Governor Nash of Ohio on the day of his inauguration arose early and spent an hour in the cemetery by the grave of his wife and children.

Ex-Governor Frederick B. Fiske of Maine, who was married twenty at the age of 28, is still an active man, an ardent hunter and a splendid shot.

Senator Hoar is very fond of roses and has a fresh bunch on his desk every day, yet he has rarely or never been known to wear a flower in his coat.

Speaker Henderson objects very much to being called a "general," a practice of recent growth, as the highest rank he ever held was that of colonel.

Mayor Hayes of Springfield, Mass., is the youngest mayor ever elected in Springfield. He also has the honor of being the first Catholic ever elected to that office in that city.

Admiral von Diederichs, who was in command of the German warships at Manila at the time of Dewey's victory, has been appointed chief of the German international staff.

The only new member in the Texas delegation in congress this winter is Mr. Albert Sidney Bartholomew of Austin. He is a young lawyer, tall and good looking and a credible and eloquent speaker.

When Senator Proctor of Vermont first took his seat in Washington, he wore a full beard. This he soon shaved off, then later let it grow again and has now made another change by having it cut short and to a point.

The resignation by James S. Sherman, Republican, of New York of his seat as congressman in order to accept the secretaryship of the senate is the more notable because he was one of the prominent candidates for speaker.

Walter Scott Dickson of Salem, Mass., has given \$50,000 to Tufts college on condition that the Rev. Edwin C. Holmes, formerly of Salem, be made professor of English and American literature at a salary of \$2,000 a year for the rest of his life.

Captain Cecil Maeredy, who has become a name of the Gordon highlanders owing to the many changes in the personnel of the regiment at the front, is a son of Maeredy, the actor, and was born in 1862. The only service he saw prior to the present campaign in South Africa was in Egypt in 1882.

"The portfolio of the navy," said Secretary Long the other day, "contains some hard work, but for my part I have never known such hard work as I went through with as a teacher when for two years I was connected with the Western academy in Massachusetts. Since those days I have always had the greatest sympathy with and the highest admiration for the successful instructor of youth."

A Perfect Fit.
A young fellow on the South Side has a negro valet, an old fashioned southern clerk. "Here, Jeff, I want those drawers cleaned and pressed today," he said, pointing to a rather loud striped garment that Jeff had long had his eyes on. "All right, sah," said Jeff, with a sigh.

Next morning Jeff brought the trousers back, with a big grease spot still prominent on one knee. "Can't you get that spot out?" said the owner of the trousers. "No, sah." "Did you try turpentine?" "I've de tried, I done smothered 'em wid turpentine." "Did you try coal oil?" "Yes, sah, I did a quart on 'em." "Did you try a hot iron?" "Pity 'em, sah, I did." "Did you try benzine?" "Done tried benzine an' kerosene, an' all the other things, an' 'tain't tech dat grease spot." "Well, did you try 'em on?" queried the master, with a twinkle in his eyes. "Yes, sah," replied Jeff, with alacrity, "an' dat's a piffet at grease spot an' all, sah."—Chicago Inter Ocean.

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MUNICIPAL MATTERS.

San Francisco has a daily paper printed in Chinese.

New York has the largest local telephone exchange system in the world.

New Orleans is to have a new historical museum under the auspices of the Louisiana Historical society.

New Orleans represents more than the total valuation of Louisiana and consequently pays more than half the taxes.

The police department at Astoria, Or., has been self sustaining for three years. The cost of maintenance is \$6,000 annually.

Cleveland authorities expect to complete during the year a tunnel bringing water to the city from a point five miles out in Lake Erie.

Has Best Sidewalks.

Gibson City, Ill., claims to possess the best sidewalks in the world for a town of its size. Cement sidewalks 16 1/2 feet in width have just been laid throughout the business district. Gibson had no sidewalks for 22 years until 1899, when, owing to a fight for supremacy between two factions of the temperance people, the saloon men elected a mayor and three aldermen, which insured sidewalks for two years at least.

Medical Society, Attention.

There will be a regular meeting of the Pensacola Medical Society at the Board of Health office at 5 o'clock p. m. Tuesday, Feb. 13 and 27. Visiting physicians are cordially invited to attend.

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